

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 1. A seal configuration, comprising:
a body adapted to contain internal pressure having an
opening with inwardly tapered peripheral sidewalls;
a closure adapted to close the opening, the closure
having an attachment portion larger than the opening and an
10 axially projecting stopper portion adapted to fit closely
within the opening, the stopper portion having an endless
peripheral seal groove extending in spaced relation around
the axis in which is positioned a peripheral seal adapted to
sealingly engage the tapered peripheral sidewalls of the body
15 in interference fit relation, thereby conforming to the
tapered peripheral sidewalls; and
a backing ring of pliable memory retaining material
positioned between the peripheral seal groove and the
attachment portion of the closure, the backing ring engaging
20 the tapered peripheral sidewalls of the body in interference
fit relation and conforming to the tapered peripheral
sidewalls while being sufficiently stiff as to resist
extrusion flow under pressure, such that when the peripheral
seal deforms in response to an increase in internal pressure
25 within the body and extrusion gaps begin to form between the
attachment portion of the closure and the body, the
peripheral seal is extruded against the backing ring which
deforms to prevent the peripheral seal from entering the
extrusion gaps.